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As transition to renewables seem inevitable, city campuses set precedent readying EV infra

A STUDY IN GREEN

E-scooters, e-buggies, e-rickshaws aid campus mobility

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College campuses across the city are turning over a green leaf. As interest in electric vehicles (EVs) grows among students and teachers, Bengaluru campuses are steering towards an environment-friendly future, BM's found out.

Some colleges are setting up charging infrastructure networks; others have brought in sustainable in-campus transport.

"Though the number of personal EVs on campuses is not very high, it surely is on the rise. There are a few students who have electric two-wheelers and some faculty own electric cars," said professor Ashish Verma of the Sustainable Transportation Lab at IISc.

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The institute has established an off-grid solar-based EV charging station for EV users and is working towards scaling up the infrastructure.

"The charging station was set up last year to demonstrate clean charging of EVs. The infrastructure is now being used extensively by the campus community. Currently, the charging facility is free of cost. We are in talks with the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) to set up grid-based charging points under FAME II. We are working on a study to decide the optimal number, location and type of charging points," said professor Verma.

"Campuses, as the first step, should recognise the need of enabling charging infrastructure through proper policy..."

— Professor Ashish Verma, IISc

BNM Institute of Technology is another campus that is coming up with a zero emission EV charging station. Once up and running, the station will be able to charge four EVs (two-wheelers) simultaneously. The station will be powered by solar energy and will have a power storage facility to enable charging during nights and cloudy days.

"There is an increase in awareness about the adverse impact of fossil fuel-based vehicles on the environment; now, the number of EVs on campus is slowly but steadily increasing. We decided to come up with EV charging stations to encourage students and faculty members to shift to EVs operating on green energy," said a representative of the institute.

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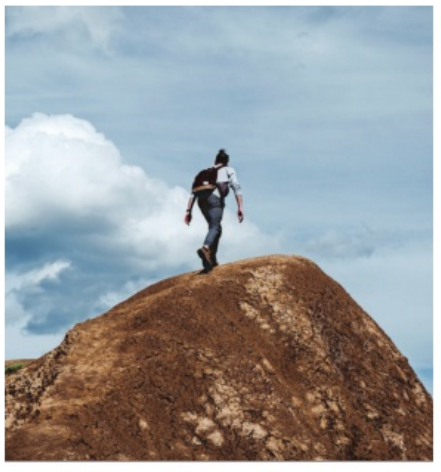
Hot on the trail

Eight new trekking routes thrown open for enthusiasts



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Post pandemic, with youths and elderly eager to trek and choosing nearby getaways, the Karnataka forest department (KFD) in association with Karnataka Eco Tourism Development Board (KETDB) have come out with eight new trekking routes traversing luscious greenery and hills in the state.

So far, there are 11 trek routes in the state which cover rocky terrain and rainforest. Now, an additional eight have been added, three routes in Belagavi and Bellary districts alongside two trails in Tumakuru district.

In Tumakuru, Ramadevara Betta and Chinagar Betta are added to the list of trekking routes.

Ramadevara Betta is just 70 km away from Bengaluru; the trekking duration is about 2.5 hours covering hilly terrain — though an easy trail, many trekkers have not visited this route. Hence KETDB decided to add it as one of the routes.

Chinagar Betta is a hilltop in Tumakuru district situated at an elevation of 1,213 m north of Sigikoppal Betta, and northwest of Devarayanadurga state forest.

In Ballari, Sarvodaya, Hampi Heritage Trail and Halasagara are part of the new routes, while in Belagavi, Dhamne Tilari

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Gift of love

Enjoy Valentine's Special Sale at Studio Orenda, Whitefield. Studio Orenda is a year-long pop-up promoting artisans and small brands. Each of their curated range of products is made with love and a lot of attention to detail. Check out their vibrant & eclectic collection comprising art, accessories, home decor, stationary, sarees and more. Gift yourself and your loved ones some handmade magic. Where: Studio Orenda, Varthur Main Road, Whitefield. **When: Till Feb 14, 11 am – 5.30 pm; Call: 7625094555**

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03 Work from museum

The Indian Music Experience (IME) is inviting working professionals, freelancers and creative people to #WorkFromMuseum at the museum.It's time to pack your bag and explore a new and creative environment to work with ease.
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Positivity rate plunges, but deaths still worrying

Experts emphasised on need for death audit and genome sequencing

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The covid case trajectory is on the decline with Test Positivity Rate (TPR) falling to 2.31 per cent on Sunday, but the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) stays high. For the last few days, CFR has overtaken TPR with Sunday's CFR being 1.13 per cent, which is still quite high.

Comparing the second and third waves, experts said that during the initial weeks of the second wave, CFR was lower. However, as the days progressed, the second wave registered maximum deaths.

However, in the third wave, the CFR was relatively lower for most part of the third wave (let's remind you that the third wave is still on). However, as the TPR was nose-diving, the CFR was slowly increasing.

An expert told Bangalore Mirror, "The high CFR has proved the assumptions wrong that the Omicron wave is milder and not fatal. We are seeing covid deaths in two digits for a long time, though it didn't reach three digits like the first and second waves. So, we may have to wait for a few more weeks to see the CFR falling."

The expert said that per the hospitalisation data, 155 patients are still in ICU and 35 are on ventilators. "Till the numbers of the critical patients come down, number of deaths will stay high. Currently, we are seeing the trend that was seen in Mumbai which is a few weeks ahead of Bengaluru as far as Covid progression is considered."

A BBMP worker testing outstation travellers at the Kempegowda bus stop

Bengaluru reports 1,000 cases a day

Karnataka on Sunday reported 2,372 new cases of covid and 27 fatalities, taking the tally to 39, 26,669 and toll to 39,640. There were 5,395 discharges on the day, pushing the total number of recoveries to 38, 51,298, a health bulletin said. Of the new cases, 1,059 were from Bengaluru Urban that saw 2,501 people being discharged and seven virus-related deaths. The total number of active cases across the state is now 35,697. Of the 27 deaths, seven are from Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru four, Dakshina Kannada three, Davangere, Dharwad and Tumakuru two, followed by others. After Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru recorded the second highest number of cases with 148, Ballari 112, Belagavi 96, Dakshina Kannada 92, Tumakuru 74, followed by others. Bengaluru Urban district now has a total of 17, 70,868 cases, Mysuru 2, 28,583 and Tumakuru 1, 59,209. Cumulatively, 6.34 crore samples have been tested, of which 1, 02,279 were on Sunday alone.. — Agencies

Another expert said the health department should quickly conduct a death audit and genome sequencing so that we get a clear picture as to which strain is causing the deaths. "Is it Omicron and its related strains or Delta still causing the maximum harm?" the expert asked.

Going by the age of the deceased, the third wave has shown that people from all age groups are becoming victims. In the last few weeks, we saw a few two-month-olds dying of covid. However, on Sunday, a centurion, a 97-year old and a 91-year old who had survived the Spanish wave and the last two covid waves had died of covid.

There have been at least four cases where the patients have died of covid at their residence itself. Health experts say that this is an indicator that no one should take covid lightly and should get treated with experts at the earliest.

On the brighter side, the number of active cases have dropped to 14,230 in the city. Daily hospitalisation numbers have also been dropping. From a high of 54 patients getting admitted on February 4, it has dropped to 10 patients getting admitted to hospital on February 12. Even the wards like Bellandur which used to report 500-plus cases in a day are seeing cases fewer than 100 a day.

The 10 wards that were scoring Zero Covid cases are back to pre-third wave level with Chalavadipalya, DJ Halli, Rayapura, Lakshmi Devi Nagara, Gurrappanapalya, Gali Anjaneya temple, Bharati Nagar, Muneshwara Nagar, Kushal Nagar and JJ Nagar wiht no covid cases at all.

JUST FOR THE SAKE OF IT

Japan Food Sake Festival is making a comeback in Bengaluru and it'll be held online

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The Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru will be hosting its Japan Food Sake Festival virtually this year, for the first time. Celebrating the culture and food of Japan, the Consulate-General of Japan has planned for an interactive virtual food fest where visitors will be able to order food right to their doorstep through food delivery services. The annual Japanese food festival will be making a comeback in virtual mode this time. In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, an online event will be organised from February 28 to March 6.

The festival will showcase Japanese food and Sake in a bid to increase the recognition of Japanese food, sake and Japanese food culture in the region of Karnataka and the rest of India.

For one week, the all-encompassing website will feature Japanese restaurants from the city showcasing their cultural delicacies along with links to order home delivery. The team has tied up with online food delivery services like Zomato and Dunzo. The website will also feature information about Japanese Sake, Japanese whiskey and Japanese Wine.

The festival will showcase Japanese food and Sake to promote Japanese food culture

The alcohol section will be age-restricted and will only contain information about alcohol and there won't be any facility to order it online.

"I hope that many people will be able to visit the website of the Japan Food Sake Festival 2022 and enjoy themselves to the fullest," Sugita Akiko, the Consul-General.

Bridging the education gap

14-year-old is making sure that underpriveleged students don't have to drop out of school, and even taking quality education to them

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Her task is tall, but this 14-year-old is up for it. Ashmita Gupta, a Class 9 student with National Public School - Indiranagar, is doing what even many adults think to be a challenge. She has been reaching out to underprivileged children who do not have adequate resources to help improve the quality of education for them. She has been taking up initiatives to engage children in activities and has also sponsored part of their education.

Gupta has been working on the initiative 'E4E' - Education for Everyone for a year now. She said that though education is a right of every individual, rich or poor, many are not getting the quality education and she always wanted to reach out to the ones left out and help in her own way. Last year as she was interacting with a few students, she encountered a bright student named Suma who lacked basic concepts and her school fee for that year was not paid. "She was just as old as I was and was studying in the same grade as I am.

Suma and her sister were abandoned by their father and their mother had passed away battling cancer. The two have been living in a Trust since then. I couldn't see her having to drop out of school just due to the lack of funds and so I funded her education as well as provided her with quality education," Gupta told Bangalore Mirror.

She had the realisation that there are hundreds of children out there who lack either quality education or financial support or both in some cases. "So I decided to start my project with the aim of providing quality education and financial support to underprivileged children," she said.

With a motto of "No child shall be left behind" she firmly believes that - Quality education to an ignited mind can strengthen the nation. Through the 1M1B Foundation (1 Million for 1 Billion), a UN-accredited Not for profit organisation, she started the project and has impacted over 300 children by partnering with five shelter homes.

"I take in-person sessions at schools and childcare trusts in Bengaluru and the outskirts. I take my laptop for the presentations and teach children – Ashmita Gupta

She said, "I take in-person sessions at schools and childcare trusts in Bengaluru and the outskirts. I take my laptop for the presentations and teach children. I also share the presentations with the school authorities which can be used for the children's offline studies. So far I have conducted 12 sessions - 11 educational sessions, one mentoring session and I have sponsored education for 19 children through online and door to door fundraising which was very difficult as many people shut the door on my face."

She said that during her interaction with the students of low-income schools, she realised that some of the students were good at studies but they lacked competitive skills in the areas of STEM.

So she decided to sponsor a few NCERT Competitive books for improving the quality of education. "I also realised that NCERT books are also digitally available on the internet, so I created the EduFication toolkit which contains NCERT syllabus (grades 6-8 as of now, still expanding), solutions and some PPTs I made for better understanding of topics. EduFication toolkit is almost equivalent to a digital library which doesn't require internet access," she said.

Not a prospective tenant, just a crook on the prowl

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If you are trying to register your house on portals to offer it for rent, be warned. Reports of some fraudulent calls to trick people have emerged. A resident of T Dasarahalli tells Bangalore Mirror about his experience. The gentleman had registered his details on a portal about his house. Within a few minutes of doing that, he received a text on WhatsApp from an interested candidate.

The person texting him went with the name Avdhesh Kumar and introduced himself as an NSG commando. He asked for details of the house. "I shared the details and he called right after that. While talking to him only I had the feeling that he is not a genuine call," said the man.

Avdhesh claimed he was from Hyderabad and was getting transferred to the city. "I told him not to worry about the advance as there was no hurry. But he insisted, and said that he did not need to see the house. He said as the money would be getting transferred from his army unit, he needed to do it immediately," said the house-owner.

Now this rang alarm bells. So the man asked for identity proof from Avdhesh. He forwarded his Aadhaar card, PAN card, Army canteen card and a family picture. With all these details, the house-owner wondered if it were really an interested person.

"He asked me to send my bank details. I did not send it immediately. I sent it to him the next day. He said one of his officers would be calling me to transfer the amount," said the man. He received a call immediately after talking to Avdhesh. The person calling introduced himself as Captain Ravi.

The man averted disaster as it appeared suspicious to him that a captain would call to transfer a small amount.

The person asked him if he had any of the money transfer apps installed on his phone. Being an Ex-army officer himself, the house-onwer knew that army officers do not use apps to transfer money. So he asked him to transfer the money to his bank account.

That was the last he heard from what could have been a fraudster. "The worst thing is they are defaming the armed forces. When we hear the name army, our trust increases by two-fold. They are misusing this trust," said the man.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

BOOSTER DOSE WON'T GIVE POSITIVE HIV TEST RESULTS

THE CLAIM

A message: "For those of you that have taken the third dose, go and take a test for AIDS. The results may surprise you. Then sue your government". This quote is being attributed to late French virologist Dr Luc Montagnier, who recently passed away. The post makes indicates that if you get a booster dose, you will get a positive HIV test.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

According to a factcheck by the news agency Reuters, there is no evidence that the words came from the French scientist. Experts also told Reuters that there was no possibility that covid vaccines in use can cause HIV, AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the name given to illness resulting from HIV) or false positive HIV tests. None of the existing commercially available vaccines produces cross-reactivity with HIV tests, the experts said.

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TOPCOMMENTS

High time to look into and fix delays in road projects

Bangalore Mirror's story 'Delay no more' has elicited a couple of responses. @write2ragavan says on Twitter, delay in any work can be acceptable to a certain extent, but abnormal delay especially in projects that hinder transport should not be allowed.The project authority in charge of this work should look in to this. Maria writes, though the city is increasingly looking like a stretch of unfinished projects, we citizens have hope that work will pick up pace at some point. Authorities will do well to keep a tab on the progress of the projects so that it continues unhindered and is not lying unfinished for months. And one wonders if this is the case in prominent areas such as Millers' Road, what the situation in other parts of the city where the agencies' eyes rarely reach would be.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

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Glory for good work

Good Samaritan, who helped familes give a dignified farewell to loved ones in the thick of covid with his team Mercy Angels, gets global recognition

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At a time when covid raged on in the city, a resident of Shantinagar, got busy. He began by helping give dignified burials to patients who passed away due to covid. He thought nothing of his good work, but now recognition has come calling. Months later, Tanveer Ahmed was awarded a World Book Of Records honour from London on Saturday.

Ahmed, 46, along with his team Mercy Angels, carried out over 2,500 burials during covid, when the family of the deceased were not allowed to take the patient's body at home, while many families were against the governments rule as they wanted to bid their loved ones a final goodbye. However, with the seriousness of the situation the dead bodies were not allowed to take home and

"We collaborated with the labour department and railways to ensure that food kits were provided to guest workers – Tanveer Ahmed

hence Mercy Angels came in for the rescue and gave a dignified farewell to their loved one.

Ahmed was involved in providing food kits to the migrant labourers, when the government started to run special trains for them to go home. "Under the Mercy Mission team, we distributed foot kits which were sponsored by Azim Premji Foundation and we collaborated with the labour department and railways to ensure that food kits were provided and many migrants got on to the trains. From the first train to the last special train, I was involved in distributing food kits. During the pandemic, there were no pantries so the food kits helped," said Tanveer.

Second wave of covid was tough on the city which witnessed many fatalities. At the time, people like Tanveer Ahmed proved to be angels

He has also been involved in helping covid patients move from one district to another and initially had been involved in booking of covid beds.

Ahmed got the award on Saturday; he was shocked and did not expect it. "A few months back one of my friends contacted me and asked me about the work I have done.

And on Friday he stated there was a felicitation and asked me to come along as the Kanti Sweets group wanted to felicitate me, but when I went there I was also given the World Book Of Records, London – Certificate of Appreciation- for the betterment of the society through various humanitarian activities."

The certificate of appreciation was presented to Tanveer Ahmed by Shikha Sharma-President, Karnataka World Book of Records London. This was informed by Santosh Shukla, Supreme Court Advocate (President, World Book of Records).

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KNIGHT OF THE LIVING, DEAD
On July 25, 2020, BM had written about how Tanveer Ahmed dove right in to selfless service at a time when covid wreaked havoc

Bommai has his task cut out for budget presentation

Up first in a series of tests is the Legislative Session that begins today with Oppn all set to launch its attack

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is set to present his maiden budget in the first week of March. Like his predecessors Siddaramaiah, HD Kumaraswamy and BS Yediyurappa, Bommai too holds the finance portfolio and will present his budget on the floor of assembly. For the last few days, Bommai is busy holding discussions with various industries with representatives and taking suggestions on what needs to be included in the budget.

Bommai said on Sunday, "The thinking is on all round development of Karnataka. Economy has suffered two consecutive setbacks. It is showing signs of attaining stability in the last four to five months. Revenue collection too is recovering. However the budget would be prepared with an objective of overall economic development, public welfare with financial discipline. We want to give a boost to the economy. Greater priority in the budget will be on welfare of the poor."

Stormy session time

The CM's first test however will be a stormy session that is to begin from Monday. Sources said the opposition parties have planned to raise various issues including hijab controversy and related law and order situation in the state, allegations of kickbacks by contractors association and Mekedatu project implementation issue, among others.

The 10-day session that will go on till February 25, will begin with Karnataka Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot addressing the joint sitting of members of both Legislative Assembly and the Council on the first day.

The spotlight has been on Basavaraj Bommai ever since he became Chief Minister

This will be Gehlot's first address to the joint session, after taking over as the Governor in July, last year. The session will be reconvened for the budget presentation in March.

The Congress is likely to raise the issue of 40 per cent kickback charges levelled by the Karnataka State Contractors Association against politicians, Ministers and bureaucrats. The issue relating to the Mekedatu project is also likely to come up. While the Congress is likely to target the government for delay in implementation of the project and getting clearances from the centre, the BJP, which has been accusing the grand old party of trying to politicise the issue is likely to counter it for going ahead with the padayatra in violation of covid curbs.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah has convened a meeting of Congress legislature party on February 14, to discuss the strategy for the session.

The contentious anti-conversion bill that was passed by the Assembly during the winter session in Belagavi in December, is likely to be taken up in the Legislative Council during the session.

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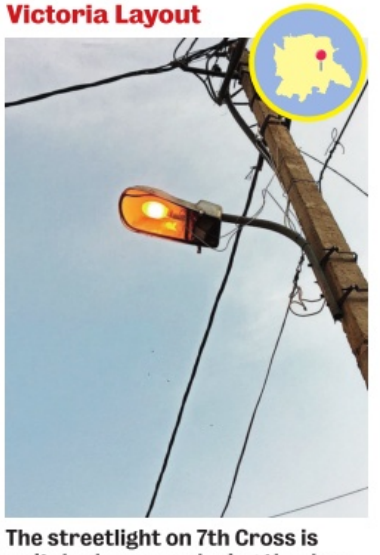
Fix the road
Jayanagar

The 9th main is in bad shape since the BBMP took up work here.

Heaps of waste
Sarjapur

Across the Sultanpalya bus stand, a dump of waste has formed near the transformer.

Save energy
Victoria Layout


The streetlight on 7th Cross is switched on even during the day. The authorities concerned must conserve energy.

All eyes on schools as classes to resume today

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The State is set to reopen offline classes for high schools from Monday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bomami said, "High schools are being reopened from Monday. I am confident that the classes will be held peacefully. The respective deputy commissioners, Superintendents of Police and officials of the Education department have been instructed to work in coordination and visit schools to create harmonious conditions. A decision on reopening of PU classes would be taken after reviewing the situation."

The CM said that various rumours are being spread on the Hijab issue in social media. Police officials are monitoring it. Normalcy should be restored in schools and colleges. Present priority is to create a conducive atmosphere for the students to pursue their studies, he added.

A decision will be taken on reopening of colleges soon after ensuring all preparations are being made. "Colleges will function like before in a cordial atmosphere. Reopening schools and colleges is our first priority. I have sought a report from the Education Minister. Based on that, a decision will be taken," he stated. As of now, colleges have declared holidays till Feb 16.

Rejuvenation of RTCs and ESCOMS

A committee headed by retired IAS officer M R Srinivasamurthy has been constituted to suggest measures for revival of State Road Transport Corporations including NWRTC, KSRTC and BMTC.

The committee will submit its interim report soon suggesting measures to make these RTCs financially self-sustaining, plug pilferages and generate revenue. Similarly a committee has been constituted for rejuvenation of ESCOMS as well to bolster their financial strength. State government has decided to bring special reforms in RTCs and ESCOMs, Bommai said.

Messages such as this written on heart shaped balloons and placards by women cropped up in the city on Sunday

Vehicle taxing status: Evaded

Agents, RTO officials register premium vehicles without paying tax to the govt

Owners of 120 cars registered vehicles without paying tax

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Without paying lifetime tax, many customers who bought luxurious cars like Audi, BMW, Range Rover, Volvo, Mini Cooper and Porsche have managed to get the vehicles registered, thereby creating loss to the exchequer.

Sources said that this also pointed to a nexus over the illegal transactions. Private agents, RTO officials and staff are involved in misappropriation of lakhs of rupees without depositing the money to the Government's treasury.

The transport department ordered an investigation to verify the tax paid by the registered cars from April 1, 2015, to November 30, 2021, to the investigating team.

An investigating team submitted the report after verifying the luxurious cars which are priced above Rs 20 lakh registered from April 1, 2015, to November 30, 2021.

There are 95,000 cars registered in the Koramangala RTO office. Among these, 7,385 are luxury cars. Among these, documents of only 7,128 cars are proper. But, the remaining 257 cars have no records.

When the investigating team wrote to the treasury, it was found that only 137 car owners had paid the lifetime tax and cess. The remaining 120 cars are registered without tax. The scammers made all the documents of these cars disappear.

In all, 120 luxury cars are registered without paying the tax. When the investigating team verified the registered cars of below Rs 20 lakh, 104 cars were found registered without paying the tax. By registering 224 cars, more than Rs 50 crores of tax money was being evaded.

Joint Commissioner of Kalaburagi C Mallikarjun, Hospet ARTO Vasanth Eshwar Chauhan, Bengaluru East RTO HQA V Nagarajachar has been appointed for the investigation for identifying and submitting the report of the officials and staff who were involved in the case.

The report states that the kingpin of the scam had registered an Innova car in 2017 without paying tax. In the year 2019, he sold the car to another customer. Later the second buyer sold the car to a third customer for Rs 10.50 lakh. A tax-evading case was filed by the third customer. Transport officials issued a notice to submit the tax-paid details.

According to sources, instead of taking action against the officials who helped in cheating tax, the transport department is issuing notices to the owners of the vehicles.

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New trek routes open

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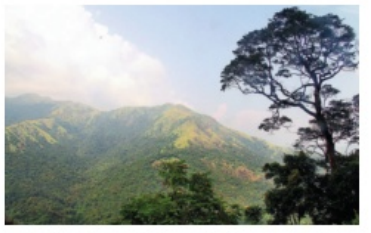
trek, Tilari backwater and Kada view point are the new routes added.

Karnataka has added some of the trekking routes in Bengaluru too to the list — Anthargange, Makalidurga, Kaiwarbetta, Skandagiri, Bidarkatte, Savanadurga and others.

In Chikkamagaluru, three routes exist: Ballalarayana Durga Fort, Rani Jhari and Bandage Falls.

A senior KFD official pointed out that with the pandemic, there has been a lot of stress amongst people and they are seeking short getaways: "The trails became famous amongst trekkers in no time after they were introduced and till date have been attracting travellers from all over. Those into adventure sports will definitely have some fun in Karnataka. During the pandemic, people were unable to go out, stuck at home and often getting scared; now with the easing of curbs, many are booking treks on weekends as a stress buster. People working in IT companies who have long shifts are the ones that are opting for treks to unwind and relax."



"Earlier trekking in forest patches was not even permitted. With the high demand now many new trekking spots were added. Even looking at safety is important and those which are safe are added to the list. It even reduces people using vehicles and brings down carbon emission and pollution. Many youngsters opt for treks, as they also now think of fitness and to spend some good time with friends," a forest officer said.

In the new routes, trained and certified guides will be appointed as well to help the trekkers.

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Shailesh Kumar.....Petitioner
Vrs.
Komal Jaishawal.....O.P.

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Let it be understood urgent.

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Power stationed

Govt allows single-part tariff for public EV charging stations, and this is expected not to exceed 'average cost of supply'

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The connection for a charging station shall be provided within seven days in metro cities

While there is a demand for more Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, the issue of power tariffs has proven to be a stumbling block to setting up these stations..

Now, the Central Government has given clarity as it has issued fresh guidelines related to EV charging stations. As per the guidelines, there will be a single-part tariff for supply of electricity for Public Charging Station (PCS) and this will not exceed "average cost of supply". The current guidelines will be in place till March 31, 2025.

To help the power supply to charging station, the Centre has said that the distribution companies (DISCOMs) can leverage on funding from the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) under 'Part A – Distribution Infrastructure' for the general upstream network augmentation necessitated due to the upcoming charging infrastructure in various areas.

The cost of such works carried out by the DISCOMs with the financial assistance from the Centre under Revamped Scheme will not be charged from the consumers for Public Charging Stations for EVs.

Experts say that this is a big move as this will not burden the EV users, and on the other hand, it will encourage more entities to set up EV public charging stations which are critical to the growth of EVs. "Many EV buyers face range hesitancy as they are not sure how long they can travel in the vehicle despite the full charge. Unlike petrol bunks which are at every nook and corner, there are not many charging stations. So, the EV users are worried as to what will happen if they run out of charge. The only way to reinstate confidence is opening more charging stations and this will have a spiralling effect on buying EVs," an expert told Mirror.

As per the Centre's guidelines, housing societies, malls, office complexes, restaurants and hotels are allowed to install PCS for charging of vehicles including charging of visitor's vehicles permitted on its premises. "Charging stations meant for 100 per cent in-house captive utilisation are free to choose charging specifications as per requirement. DISCOMs have been directed to provide electricity connection to PCS in accordance with the timelines specified in Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules 2020.

The connection for a PCS shall be provided within seven days in metro cities, 15 days in other municipal areas and 30 days in rural areas. Appropriate Commission may specify a lesser time limit than the aforementioned limit", the guidelines stated.

For power supply, any PCS/chain of charging station may also obtain electricity from any generation company through open access. Open access shall be provided within 15 days for this purpose.

Only cross subsidy charges (not more than 20 per cent as per Tariff Policy Guidelines), transmission charges and wheeling charges shall be applicable.

The guidelines also include the details of requirements of Public Charging Infrastructure (PCI), PCI for long range EVs and/or heavy duty EVs, Location of PCS, Database of Public EV charging stations, Tariff for supply of electricity to EV PCS and service charge at PCS.

"Due to the high cost of rent for land and charges, provision of land at promotional rates for PCS has been provided in the Guidelines. Land available with government or public entities shall be provided to government or public entities on a revenue sharing basis at a fixed rate of Re.1/kWh (used for charging) to be paid to the land owning agency, initially for a period of 10 years," said RK Singh, Union Minister for Power in a written reply to Lok Sabha recently. "The charging stations take connections from DISCOMs which in turn take the supply of electricity from the grid. The power is supplied to the grid from both non-renewable and renewable sources."

BM UPGRADE TO AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE
TOWARDS A GREEN BENGALURU

CHARGING POINT

PHC services now come home on EVs

Many primary health centres in the city will now be able to provide door-to-door services using Electric Vehicles (EVs).

Launching the e-Sanjeevini project, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "The project which was started in Sanjay Nagar UPHC in order to provide medical service to the needy in quick manner, now, has been extended to the urban primary health centres in Hebbal, Pulakeshinagar and Shivajinagar in east zone. It will be extended to other zones too.

Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas, Rotary HSR Layout and iValue infoSolutions Pvt Ltd donated 12 'e-sanjeevini' electric two-wheelers. Currently, Sanjay Nagar UPHC has already got two 'e-sanjeevini' two wheelers. Now, these 12 'e-sanjeevini' two wheelers will be helpful for the east zone to provide medical service in rural areas.

A few organisations donated 12 e-sanjeevini e-scooters

Health care services through door-to-door visits can be ensured through this. UPHC personnel, NNM, paramedical personnel and ASHA workers will use these vehicles for immunisation, vaccination, special health camps, nutrition programmes, Anganawadi inspections, surveys and many other activities, Gupta said.

Earlier, two 'e-Sanjeevini' electric two-wheelers were donated to Sanjay Nagar PHC as a pilot project. After finding the project successful, 12 EVs have been donated to UPHC in the east zone of BBMP.

–Naveen Shivanna

Green thumbs up for campus EVs

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Moreover, charging kiosks will link to an IoT-based application, which will notify the owner once the vehicle is fully charged.

While some have already taken the leap, others have decided to wait for the right time.

"Around 5% of the vehicles on our campus are EVs of staff and students. We have been talking about the advantages of green transport to students and are encouraging the use of EVs. As of now, we do not have a plan to set up charging infrastructure on campus. However, we will surely consider it if the number of green vehicles on the campus goes up," said Dr Chandrashekar B, principal, RC College.

Not just cars, two-wheelers

Campuses are not just catching on with charging infrastructure for personal EVs. Electric scooters, electric buggies and cargo e-rickshaws are some other types of EVs that are hitting the right note with city colleges.

"Since ours is a residential campus, not many students go for personal vehicles. However, some of our teaching staff who reside on campus do own electric vehicles. We also have one electric buggy and two scooters for a ride around the campus. While currently we have three charging points for these vehicles, we are looking at ramping up the infrastructure due to increase in demand," said Col (retd) SD Aravendan, chief administrative officer, IIM Bangalore.

Some campuses, meanwhile, are using cargo e-rickshaws for essential services such as on-campus solid waste management.

"The institute started using e-auto rickshaws as a passenger service for the campus community and visitors in 2019. There were five routes, and 10 e-rickshaws were plying on these routes inside the campus. The initiative ran successfully until covid-19 struck. Around the same time, we also started using cargo e-rickshaws for solid waste management, which have been up and running without interruption," said professor Verma of IISc.

The cargo e-rickshaw is being used at International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (IIITB) campus too for transporting materials between buildings.

Adoption push

According to professor Verma, as the first step, campuses must put a charging infrastructure policy in place for widespread adoption of EVs.

"Although this is an evolving transportation mode, there is a lot of thrust from the government in promotion and adoption of EVs. The campuses, as the first step, should recognise the need of enabling charging infrastructure through proper policy; think about developing a charging infrastructure network. A lack of infrastructure can be a big deterrent for students, faculty and staff members in the adoption of electric vehicles," Verma noted.

₹26,275-cr boost to police modernisation

This includes security expenditure, money for new battalions, hi-tech forensic labs and other probe tools

#New Delhi

The Modi government has approved the continuation of a mega police modernisation scheme for five years up to 2025-26 with a financial outlay of Rs 26,275 crore.

The Union Home Ministry said the scheme includes security-related expenditure in Jammu and Kashmir, northeastern states and Maoists-affected areas, for raising new battalions, developing high-tech forensic laboratories and other investigation tools. The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of the umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF), an official statement said.

This scheme comprises all relvant sub-schemes that contribute to the modernisation and improvement with a total central financial outlay of Rs 26,275 crore, the statement said.It said provision has been made under the scheme for internal security, law and order and adoption of modern technology by police. Assistance will be given to states for narcotics control and strengthening the criminal justice system by developing a robust forensic set-up in the country.

File photo of a passing out parade of probationary police officers at the premier Karnataka Police Academy

A central outlay of Rs 18,839 crore has been earmarked for security-related expenditure in J&K, insurgency affected northeastern states and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. According to the statement, Rs 4,846 will be given by the Centre for the modernisation of state police forces. To develop independent high-quality forensic sciences facilities in states and union territories for aiding scientific and timely investigation, Rs 2,080.50 crore will be given. For the raising of India Reserve Battalions or Specialised India Reserve Battalions, a central outlay of Rs 350 crore has been approved. **– PTI**

Ex-NSE chief gave out confidential info to unknown person: SEBI

#New Delhi

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has alleged that the former chief of the National Stock Exchange(NSE), Chitra Ramkrishna, used to communicate confidential information about the stock exchange with an 'unknown person'.

The regulator alleged that Ramkrishna had shared confidential information pertaining to the exchange such as NSE's five-year financial projections, dividend payout ratio, the exchange's business plans and agenda of NSE's board meeting with the 'unknown person'. In her submission before Sebi, Ramkrishna said the person was a 'Siddha Purusha' or a 'Yogi' who is a 'Paramahansa', largely dwelling in the Himalayas, according to the regulator's 190-page order released late on Friday. Sebi penalised NSE, Ramkrishna, former CEO Ravi Narain, and two others for allegedly violating securities contract rules related to the appointment of Anand Subramanian as group operating officer and adviser to the managing director.

She told Sebi he is a spiritual force who has been guiding her for the past 20 years. "I note that Noticee no. 1 (Ramkrishna) has submitted that for the past 20 years she has sought guidance from the unknown person on many personal and professional matters and therefore, it may suffice to say that Noticee no. 1 holds the unknown person in high regard and is influenced significantly by the unknown person," said Sebi's whole-time member Ananta Barua in the order. Sebi said that the 'Siddha Purusha' has advised her to revise the contract with Anand Subramanian, group operating officer and adviser to the managing director to five days a week only on paper for the sake of emoluments.

According to the order, the 'unknown person', in an email dated September 05, 2015, told Ramkrishna, "SOM, If I had the opportunity to be a person on Earth then Kanchan is the perfect fit. Ashirvadhams. SIRONMANI. "

Chitra Ramkrishna

Incorrect submission

Ramkrishna in her email dated December 30, 2015, to the 'unknown person', said "Struggle is I have always seen THEE through G, and challenged to on my own realise the difference." The Sebi order said "SOM" was Ramkrishna and "Kanchan" and "G" were Subramanian.

The regulator said as per an E&Y report and a report of practitioner dealing with human psychology as submitted by NSE, Subramanian had exploited Ramkrishna by creating another identity before her. The Sebi report, citing NSE's submission based on the forensic investigation report of E&Y, says that the 'unknown person' was Subramanian. However, Sebi has not accepted this argument of NSE that the unknown person and Subramanian are same. "It is unfortunate the head of the leading and largest stock exchange in India has had to resort to such attempts to justify her actions of sharing confidential information pertaining to NSE with an unknown person. I find it a bizarre attempt at concealing the identity of the person. Such an attempt is unacceptable," said the regulator. **– ET Online**

Banks had tried to revive ABG Shipyard but failed: SBI

#New Delhi

The State Bank of India on Sunday said that the consortium of banks, which had made loans to ABG Shipyard, had tried to revive its operations but all efforts failed as it was going through a downturn.

It said the fraud was attributed to diversion of funds, misappropriation, and criminal breach of trust.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday conducted raids in Rs 22,842 crore loan fraud case lodged against Gujarat-based ABG Shipyards and its directors, at over a dozen places, including Surat, Bharuch, Mumbai, and Pune which led to the recovery of incriminating documents. A complaint against them was lodged by the SBI on the basis of which the CBI filed an FIR naming Rishi Aggarwal and Santhanam Muthuswamy, the directors of ABG Shipyards.

The SBI said that due to poor performance, the account became NPA on November 11, 2013.

IPL Auction: Mumbai Indians spend big on Tim David

#Bengaluru

Five-time champions Mumbai Indians spent big money on buying Jofra Archer, despite his availability concerns, and Singapore big-hitting finisher Tim David in the accelerated round of Day two in 2022 IPL Mega Auction. It was a round where Mumbai began to make up for a slow start to the day with some aggressive fights for their picks in sight.

Despite the fact that Archer is unlikely to play in the upcoming IPL season due to his recovery from elbow injury, it didn't stop Mumbai and Rajasthan in trying to buy him with all guns blazing. Hyderabad even joined in the bid as well but Mumbai were persistent in getting Archer at any cost and got him for INR 8 crore despite the pacer not playing any competitive cricket in the last ten months.

Mumbai were then engaged in a fervent bid for David, a globe-trotting T20 finisher, alongside Lucknow, Kolkata, Delhi and Punjab. Eventually, Mumbai got him on board for a whopping INR 8.25 crore. Mumbai further picked Australia all-rounder Daniel Sams for INR 2.6 crore followed by England's left-arm pacer Tymal Mills for INR 1.5 crore.

There was big money spent for the West Indies all-rounders too. Lucknow and Delhi followed by Chennai were locked in a three-way battle for West Indies all-rounder Rovman Powell. From a base price of INR 75L, Delhi won the deal for INR 2.8 crore. His team-mate, pace all-rounder Romario Shepherd attracted bids from Lucknow and Mumbai. Lucknow pulled out after INR 2.4 crore and then Chennai came in. Mumbai backed out, Hyderabad jumped in to compete against Chennai. When Chennai backed out, Rajasthan came but Hyderabad took Shepherd for INR 7.75 crore.

Singaporean cricketer Tim David

New Zealand opener Finn Allen was the first name to go under the hammer in the accelerated round. Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals battled for his services before Bangalore, his previous franchise, took him for INR 80L. His team-mate, left-handed batter Devon Conway was snapped by Chennai Super Kings at his base price of INR 1 crore. South Africa all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius was picked by Chennai for INR 50L.

The defending champions then picked New Zealand pacer Adam Milne for INR 1.9 crore, his country-mate and left-arm spin all-rounder Mitchell Santner for INR 1.90 crore and Odisha pacer Subhranshu Senapati for INR 20L. Bangalore picked Sherfane Rutherford for INR 1 crores and left-arm pacer Jason Behrendorff for INR 75L. West Indies pacer Obed Mccoy was picked by Rajasthan for INR 75L. Hyderabad and Punjab were in the fray for all-rounder Rishi Dhawan but went to Punjab for INR 55L. Pravin Dubey was brought back by Delhi Capitals for INR 50L while Saurashtra's Prerak Mankad was picked by Punjab for INR 20L and Suyash Prabhudesai was taken by Bangalore for INR 30L.

Punjab and Kolkata were in a battle to get Himachal Pradesh pacer Vaibhav Arora. But it was Punjab who sealed the deal for INR 2 crore. **– IANS**

BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 22-year-old man suffering from diabetes for the past three years. Can being diabetic at such a young age affect my future sex life?
It may affect your sex life, if you do not keep your blood sugar under control.

2 I am a 28-year-old married man. My wife and I are planning to have a baby. My hair started to grey at the age of 13. I do not want my child to have the same problem. What should I do?
Why not leave their problems to them? There will be many other things to worry about than grey hair. Do not worry as heredity will take its own course. Currently, stem cell research is still in its infancy.

3 I am a 22-year-old man. Whenever I talk to my girlfriend romantically, a white sticky liquid flows out of my penis. I have also observed this sticky fluid leaking out of my penis each time I masturbate. Do I have a problem?
Males have a special gland called the bulbourethral that secretes a lubricant each time they are sexually excited.

4 I am single and 28 years old. I have observed that after I masturbate, I experience severe pain in my left testicle. It persists for a couple of days. What could cause this? Do you think I need to consult a doctor?
Only an urologist or andrologist can diagnose what's wrong and suggest a treatment. Why have you waited all these years?

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Let distance make the heart grow fonder

Even couples who are in a long-distance relationship can have an enjoyable time this V-Day. Here are some ideas

The goal of long-distance virtual dating is not frivolous or pointless. Virtual dates assist long-distance lovers by improving bonding and encouraging trust and communication that extends beyond physical proximity.

Here are nine virtual date ideas that you can use to ensure that your entire set-up is balanced. Any distractions, such as a cell phone, must be kept out of sight and out of mind so that you can be fully immersed.

Virtual pillow talk
Get a rush of powerful oxytocin, the love hormone, with a virtual pillow talk that can develop benevolence and deepen the concupiscent connection with your partner even if you are thousands of miles apart. Conversation is at the heart of great pillow talk, so incorporate more passionate language while avoiding self-censorship. Engaging in an unconscious intrigue conversation can amplify your desires and make you feel incredibly connected to your partner.

Virtual candlelight dinner
Create an intriguing virtual candlelight dinner because it is the most romantic and amorous date one can have with their partner. Create an atmosphere filled with candlelight to assist you in casting meaningful intentions towards your partner. It will set a romantic tone with its gentle lighting. Cook some drool-worthy victuals, make a cheese platter, and pour yourself some wine that will potentially go along with your candlelight date, and devour it with your beau or belle in the quaint solitude of your home.

Psychic reading
It's time to have some fun by exploring and connecting with your partner's hidden intuition about the relationship via a virtual tarot reading. Take these readings lightly, but a quick fortune reading will make you both visionary and futuristic, and can lead you both into a dynamic conversation about your life purpose, hopes, and dreams.

Unwind with Artsy
This is more than just emoticons and basic video chats. Going all creative with your partners is a life elixir that increases levels of intimacy. So gather your painting brush, easel, and paints and prepare for an artistic moment. Painting a canvas with your bae will strengthen your bond and bring you closer together. You don't have to be a good artist; the goal is to celebrate both your own and your partner's self-expression.

A spooky virtual trip
Hunting panorama is designed for couples who want to share an adrenaline-pumping experience. It's fun to instill irrational fear in your partner when you're together because it gives you both a delightful glimpse of how you and your partner are devoted-to-togetherness and compassionately strive to solace each other during the most trying times.

Become a mixologist
Take virtual mixology lessons from a virtual bartender who can virtually guide you through cocktail-making lessons; it is the most enjoyable way to grasp a tantalising long distance drink date. Making some out-of-the-ordinary boozy cocktail drinks is a huge morale booster because it increases your bond with your partner. Pour yourself a cautious cup of beverage and avoid a binge!

Virtual bonfire
You can plan a nature-themed virtual event that has the potential to create a bewitching and enchanting experience. Warm yourself by the light of a few small fires. Grab some coca and marshmallows and ask your partner what negative thoughts they'd like to burn in the bijou flame. Burn those evil thoughts and ideas that are harmful to your relationship together.

Virtual Nature Walk
Time spent in the wilderness reveals some hidden sides – it is extremely valuable. A romantic, virtual stroll through the woods together to connect with mesmerising nature is a "intimacy enhancer" that you should not miss! Walk through with a calm demeanour and silence, and command those inevitable steep slopes with great zeal. A stroll through virtual nature will help you both in "relieving worries about life's potholes and making you enjoy the journey immensely."

Grab a sunrise coffee
The combination of an aphrodisiac, delicious coffee and a sunrise is pure bliss. Coffee is a powerful temptress that can elevate your mood and arouse your sensual desires. This is for couples looking for an effective twirl from their partners first thing in the morning. If you want to embrace your valentine with devotion the next day in the morning after a perfect date night, you can virtually chat with your partner while brewing a plentiful cup of coffee to sip. You can also experiment with different combinations of blends. With this, you can be completely nostalgic and reminisce about your valentine date night memories while also witnessing the early morning sunrise.

– Upassna B Singh, Life Coach and Mentor for IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Bedtime media use harmful for sleep: Study

A recent research examined how sleep might be impacted by media use--such as watching movies, television, or YouTube videos; browsing the Internet, or listening to music--before bed.

The study was published in the 'Journal of Sleep Research'.

It's not uncommon to hear people rant about becoming insomniac, especially post the covid pandemic. Even the early birds started staying up late into the night, binge-watching films or web series or scrolling through social media, as there was no other outlet during then. But how much does that impact our bodies?

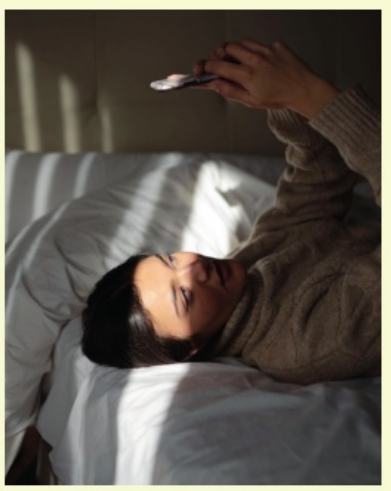
In the study, 58 adults kept a diary that recorded information related to time spent with media before bed, location of use, and multitasking.

Electroencephalography--tests that detect electrical activity of the brain using small metal discs attached to the scalp--captured parameters such as bedtime, total sleep time, and sleep quality.

Media use in the hour before sleep was associated with an earlier bedtime. If the before-bed use did not involve multitasking and was conducted in bed, it was also associated with more total sleep time.

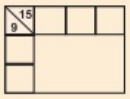
A long use of media was associated with later bedtime and less total sleep time. Sleep quality was unaffected by media use before bed.

"If you are going to use media, like watching TV or listening to music, before bed, keep it a short, focused session and you are unlikely to experience any negative outcomes in your sleep that night," said lead author Morgan Ellithorpe, PhD, of the University of Delaware. **-ANI**



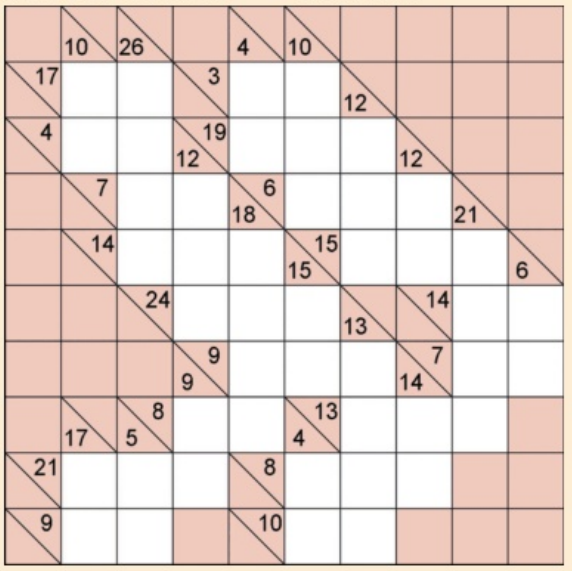
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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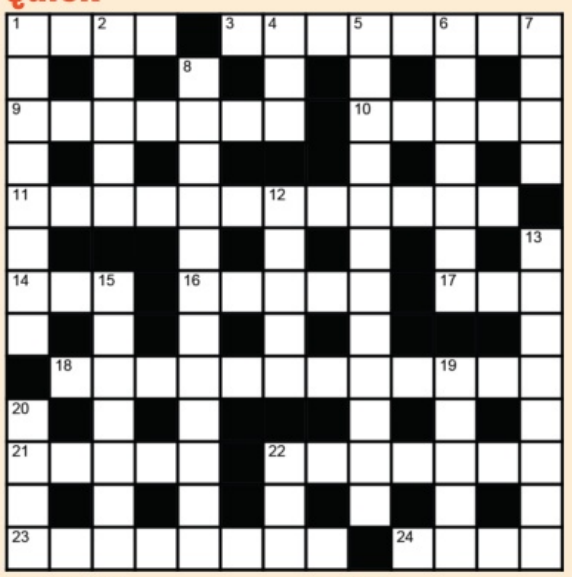


ACROSS

1 Hits a ball high (4)
3 Magnified (8)
9 Karnataka's first Chief Minister (1,1,5)
10 Implements (5)
11 Striving (12)
14 Root mean square, in short (3)
16 Four as a prefix (5)
17 Mineral spring (3)
18 Divergently (12)
21 Basil-based sauce (5)
22 Mischievous troublemaker (7)
23 Resisting or disputing (8)
24 202 in Roman numerals (4)

DOWN

1 Great salt area of South Australia (4,4)
2 Hollowed out (5)
4 Marshal at Waterloo (3)
5 Choices; options or plan (12)
6 Landed estate (7)
7 Snack from the South (4)
8 Beneficial (12)
12 Frequently (5)
13 Music duo ___ Anandji (8)
15 Remains aloft? (5,2)
19 Pale purple colour (5)
20 ___ facto : by that very fact? (4)
22 Alcoholic liquor (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS P

SHTZP QZHQMZ, XCMZII UNZD IMZZQ G MHU, GTZ YTXZM.

Linemaro

Your eyes are like diamonds in the sky

Mindchow

An apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything

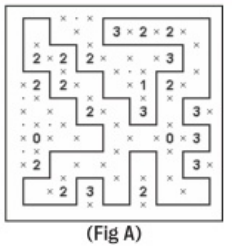
Joke of the day

Idiot's rule: No matter how tempting it is to be one with nature, stay on the outside of all fences at the zoo

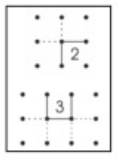
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

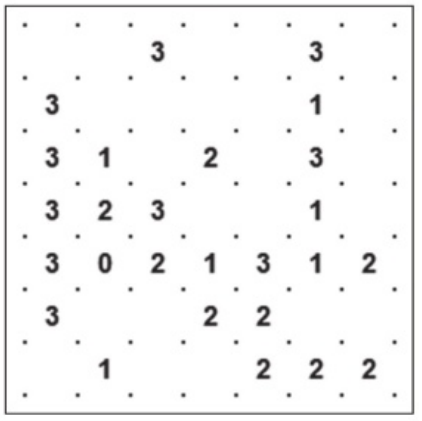


(Fig B) Not Allowed

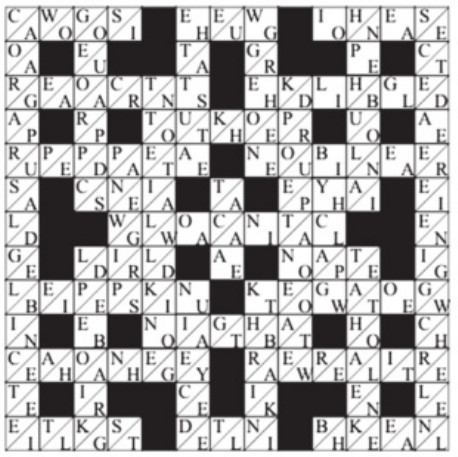
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



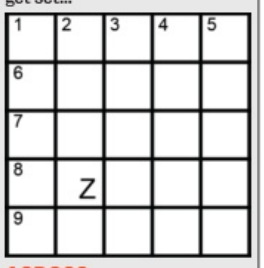
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

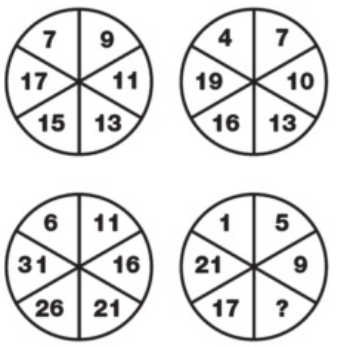
1 Ham go; 6 C Home; 7 Mated; 8 In Zee (1-4); 9 Stint

DOWN

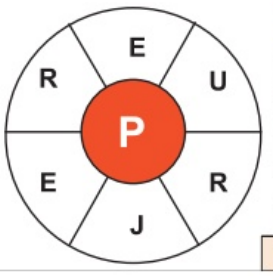
1 To tec; 2 Zag hi; 3 Hi men (3,2); 4 Meant; 5 Domes

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 07 Good; 08 Outstanding

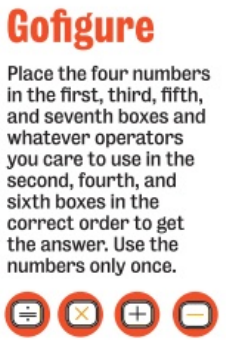
SudokuChallenge

8				2				9
					9			
	9	6	7		5		4	2
6							9	
	8	9	1		2	4	3	
	5							7
4	2		3		8	6	7	
			6					
1				5				4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

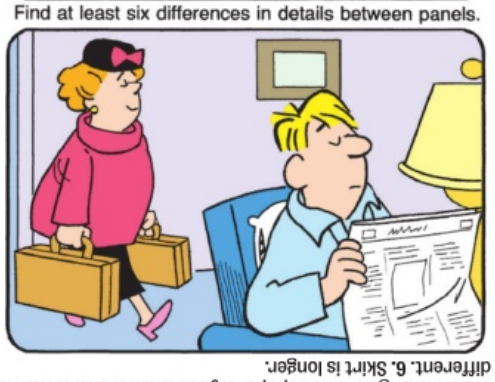
Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



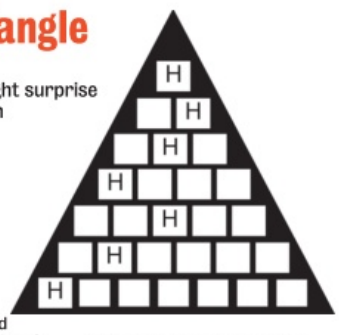
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Back of chair is shorter. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Newspaper layout is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Skirt is longer.

Riddler

What is a living creature that has four legs, eats cat food, and sees equally well on both ends of its body?

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 Expression of slight surprise
3 Feminine pronoun
4 Coop group
5 Pallid
6 Not bearded
7 My goodness!



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT NEW DOLL?
IT'S CALLED "BILLY THE BARISTA"
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU PULL HIS STRING AND HE MISSPELLS YOUR NAME
www.creators.com

Hart of the city

OKAY, GIVE ME ALL THE INFORMATION ON LEE. I'M HER SECRET SANTA.
DEAN! WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY WHO WE GOT!
YEAH, BUT THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE YOU. I TELL YOU EVERYTHING. YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND.
UM... IF THAT'S OKAY.
OF COURSE. YOU'RE THE ROBIN TO MY BATMAN!
OH, GOOD. I'M THE SIDEKICK.

Crankshaft

HI, I'M WITH THE WESTVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED HERE FOR A CHIMNEY FIRE YET THIS YEAR...
AND WE WERE JUST WONDERING IF YOUR DAD WAS OKAY.
CFD
BATUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be seeking peace of mind. The moon's blessings may help you to focus on yourself. Investments in property and other assets are advised to be avoided. You may have some happy moments in your domestic life, but you're advised to avoid arrogance and ego issues with your spouse. Disputes with the business partner is likely to be resolved.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be polite with people around you. Many problems are likely to be resolved with the help of your way of speaking. There may be some control between savings and expenditure, which may boost your savings. You may spend on buying some creative stuff to renovate your house.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are advised to control your way of speaking in the family; loose talking may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money in buying some worthless stuff to maintain your social status. It is advised not to keep loose money in the pocket. You may face problems related to ears, tooth and throat.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day for you. You have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work; domestic life may also be good. Healthy partnerships will give you benefits in terms of business. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Love birds shall avoid discussions on self-respect issues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you must control your way of speaking. You should be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid making investments in risky assets. You must avoid to lend money to anyone; it may be not get recovered easily. You're advised to meditate and practice yoga to come out from stress

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance will push you back from making tough decisions. You will be in need of blessing from elders, which will help you to grow into your work front. You should avoid to make investments in dead assets. Love birds shall avoid discussions regarding bad moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are in the winning position from your opponents and hidden enemies. Your money which was stuck, may gdf recovered today. You may perform your best at work. It's an important day for love birds and singles to make important decisions in terms of marriage.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you. Last week's problem is over now. You may initiate your postponed projects. You may get rewarded for your hard work, which may boost your confidence. There are some gains in your business, which may boost your finances. Natives related to export and import, fashion and dairy products may do better.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull; you may have health issues. Overworking of your mind may make you tired. It may affect your domestic harmony. You may arrive late at a social or family get-together. Losses may be possible in the business; it is advised not to invest into a new business. Love birds should avoid getting involved in controversies.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you're blessed by the moon. You may make new plans in terms of business; your colleagues may be with you to implement your plans. You may recover your stuck money from your clients, which may boost liquidity in the business. After late evening, you may feel depressed. This may affect your sleep.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Decision in legal matter may come in your favour. Your seniors may be happy because of your hard work. You may get new responsibilities in terms of promotion. Singles may find their soulmates.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be happy; you may plan to buy some creative stuff, which may improve your lifestyle. You may also spend on your friends and family members. You may plan to make investments in assets. Singles may find a good match and love birds may enjoy their important moments.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-16-10/5(2)
-16-2(2)
-16-4
-16+(-4)
-20

RIDDLER A blind cat

QUOTE UNCODE
Bored people, unless they sleep a lot, are cruel.

BULL'S EYE
Jeep, peer, PERJURE, puree, purer, purr, rupee

FAST FIVE

O	G	H	A	M
C	H	E	M	O
T	A	M	E	D
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
13. In each circle, starting at the top left segment, numbers increase, as you move clockwise, by 2 for the upper left circle, 3 for the upper right, 4 for the lower left, and 5 for the lower right.

SUDOKU

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9	7	8	6	4	1	5	2	3
1	6	3	2	5	7	9	8	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Eh, She, Hens, Ashen, Shaven, Heavens.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 8 + 6 + 2 = 22
Medium
8 – 2 + 8 – 4 = 10
Hard
8 / 4 + 6 + 2 = 10

LOOP

KAKURO

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The Good Boss sweeps The Goyas
Javier Bardem-starrer 'The Good Boss' written and directed by Fernando Leon de Aranoa has emerged as the biggest winner at The Goyas – Spain's top film awards with six awards

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Casual, formal

Check out what celebs are wearing to get inspiration for when you want to WFH in style

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Not surprisingly, we've cancelled much-awaited plans and are back to working from home. Some enjoy it, some despise it, but rummaging through your wardrobe to choose homely fits is a real challenge for everyone, unless you stick to those two pre-decided sets only. So, we decided to scour the internet to see what our favourite celebrities are wearing and posting about so we can use them as our wardrobe jumping-off points. **– Femina**

Katrina Kaif

Alternatively, need to work independently? Katrina Kaif's effortless style could get you some virtual compliments. A sweat-tee with complementing joggers and some me-time at home is what makes her so happy. Being cosy all day with a cup of cappuccino could be your POV.

Khushi Kapoor

And what about those times when the 11am conference is scheduled right after your yoga session? Khushi Kapoor unveils the new-age look keeping the morning mood alive with pieces from her yoga fit and office formals. Worn together, she slips into her pantsuit, keeps her sports bra on, and adds a fresh touch of lip gloss, with her pigtail tightened for a boss lady look. While we can't get over the monochromatic pastel pink-grey tones, we'd ask you to be the next in fashion.

Anushka Sharma

Get inspired by Anushka Sharma and take a short walk in the park while your back aches by sitting on the armchair. Staples from your wardrobe and an easy to style instruction can push away the midday blues. Choose a hoodie and wear it with a pair of ripped denims for a comfortable day in and day out. Tie your hair as you like it and complete the look with a smile.

Kriti Sanon

Tick things off your long list in co-ord sets that match your mood. Lined with interviews or con-calls? Dress like Kriti Sanon! A boxy shirt with matching corduroy pants, hair straightened, yet carefree and fingers with signet rings to write minutes of the meeting - is how she dresses for the day.

Sonam Kapoor Ahuja

Snooze the alarm clock, freshen up 10 minutes later, and attend that 9am meeting in last night's loungewear. Who cares what you wear, when your style game is incomparable? Sonam Kapoor Ahuja shows us how to slay in a sophisticated peachy satin set that all ladies would love. Surely individualistic, Kapoor Ahuja's picks define elegance. Your regular set consists of a shirt with shorts, but she takes it a notch higher by picking a set from Jil Sander. Brush your hair quickly, find a pair of statement earrings in your bedside drawer and join that call. With such powerful fashion tips, you'd never be afraid of switching on your camera. - Femina

'South films used to be put in discount shelf in North'

Actor Shruti Haasan says the arrival of streaming platforms in the country has made South Indian films more saleable to the Hindi-speaking audience, which was earlier served mostly dubbed versions of the popular content from the region. The actor said the pan-India theatrical market was mostly reserved for stars like Rajinikanth and her father, Kamal Haasan, with everything else never given an appropriate positioning.

According to Shruti Haasan, the barrier was first broken in a big way with SS Rajamouli's blockbuster "Baahubali", which was followed by digital platforms that offered the audience a chance to watch films in the original language.

Earlier, they would take all the Telugu and Tamil films, dub them and put them on a channel. People would watch it and say, 'We love this South actor'. For some reason, there was some apprehension to just put it in a box and market it. It was almost like these films were being sold on the discount shelf. "People like my dad and Rajini sir, with their films like 'Dasavathaaram' or 'Robot', were kept in a separate box, that 'Oh they are legends'. But I saw a clear shift happening with 'Baahubali' and then with OTT. When streaming services came in and people could choose for themselves with subtitles, they opted to watch those movies in the original language," she said. **PTI**

Siddhant is all hearts for Navya

Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda often shares happy moments on her social media handles. The star kid, who is also an entrepreneur, recently took to Instagram to share a series of her candid pictures. These are from her upcoming project with United Nations Women in India.

In the pictures, Navya wins our hearts with her charming smile while holding a drawing as she poses for the camera. Interestingly, what grabbed everyone's attention is Siddhant Chaturvedi's response to the pictures. The actor, Navya's rumoured boyfriend, dropped a heart emoji in the comment section. For the unversed, since last years rumours of the two dating have been making the rounds. **–ETimes**